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FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during February 2019 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was down 9 percent from February 2018. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 603,000 pounds live weight, down 12 percent from February 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,037 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 132,000 pounds live weight, down 13 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 500 head, unchanged from the previous year. The average live weight was up 2 pounds from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.17 billion pounds in February, up 3 percent from the 4.06 billion pounds produced in February 2018.

Beef production, at 1.99 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.45 million head, up 2 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous year, at 1,352 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 6 percent above February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 48,500 head, up 18 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from last year, at 219 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.17 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.1 million head, up 5 percent from February 2018. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 287 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 11.2 million pounds, was down 5 percent from February 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 169,300 head, 3 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 11 pounds from February a year ago.

January to February 2019 commercial red meat production was 8.9 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

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Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.